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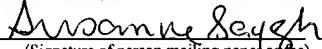
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Transmitted herewith for filing is the [X] Utility [] Design patent application of:

Inventor/Application Identifier: **Masami UEDA et al.**

For: **MARAGING STEEL EXCELLENT IN FATIGUE CHARACTERISTICS AND METHOD**

FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

Enclosed are:

[X] 5 sheets of drawings ([X] formal [] informal size A4).

[X] 41 pages of specification, including claims and abstract.

[X] 46 total pages

[X] Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney

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[] Copy from prior application

[] Inventors deleted; see attached statement

[] Inventor Information Sheet

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Independent Claims	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	(over 3) x \$80.00	
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This is a [] Continuation [] Divisional [] Continuation-in-Part of prior application Serial No. _____.

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09/700,566	11/16/2000	Masami Ueda	F-6690	6006

TITLE OF INVENTION: MARAGING STEEL EXCELLENT IN FATIGUE CHARACTERISTICS AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

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